

Great News from *Lymerrick*!

# IRELAND.

A Full and True

## ACCOUNT

OF THE

State and Siege of that City,

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Y  
His Majesties Forces,

Commanded by

Count Solms, and Lieut. Gen. Douglas.

WITH

A particular Relation of the Surrendring of the Fort  
of *Duncannon*, and Town of *Tangball*, by the *Irish*.

9. Aug. 1690.

**T**HEIR Majesties Ar-  
mies in *Ireland*, as well  
That under the Com-  
mand of Lieutenant General  
*Douglas*, as That Commanded by  
the Gen. the Count de *Solmes*,  
have been forced to make very  
slow Marches, in their way to  
*Lymerrick*, on the Account of  
their Cannon, and heavy Bag-  
gage; they seldom Marching a-  
bove Eight or Nine Miles a Day.

On the 30th. past, Lieutenant  
General *Douglas* joined his Ar-  
my with the Count de *Solmes*,  
at a place called *Goallen-Bridge*,  
after which they immediately  
Marched, in two Lines, to *Lime-  
rick*; on their Approach, near  
the Town, the Lord *Tyrconnel*,  
with his numerous Rabble *Irish*  
Army, retired from about *Li-  
merick*, further into the Coun-  
try. Our Army is very buisie,

in disposing all things for a Regular Siege, in order, to which they have brought with them, in Waggon, Engines, made in *Holland*, to make a Bridge of Boats, over the *Shannon*. His Majesty is hourly expected in the Camp, upon whose Arrival we shall immediately begin a regular Siege, if they deliver not on Summons. The Garrison consists of three Thousand *French* Infantry, and some few Troops of Horse: The Priests have been very dilligent, both here, and in most other Garrisons, in their endeavours to hearten the Enemy, deluding them with the Stories, That the *French* have Landed Fifty Thousand Men in *England*, that the Protestants have joyned with them, that we are all in confusion, that King *James* is Landed with them, and that there will be speedy Relief come to *Ireland* from *France*. &c. The *St. Mallo* Brigades, with the Privateers and Merchant-men, or Tenders, that were in *Cork*, *Kinsale*, *Waterford*, &c. have been all ordered round, to the River of *Limmerick*, most of which are Sailed in already; by which its plain, That the endeavouring to keep this City is the last Game they design to play, which when they are beaten from, they will quit all further Hopes or Pretensions to *Ireland*; these Ships being certainly designed to bring off

the Gentry and chief Officers, with their Bag and Baggage, &c. We have an Account that the City of *Cork*, and Town of *Youghall*, are quitted by the Enemy, having first Plundered most of the Inhabitants.

This City is the biggest in *Ireland*, except *Dublin*; its Haven lies on the West-side of *Ireland*, and South of *Galway*; it divideth the Province of *Cannought* from *Munster*, being of a very great length, no less than sixty Miles; for so far it is from the mouth of the Haven to the City of *Limmerick*, and yet Men of War may lye under the Cannon of the Walls of the City. The River *Shannon*, of this great depth so encompasseth it round, that it makes the City a perfect Island: Here is a very high strong Wall, on which are several Bastions, also a good Castle, and *Stone-Bridge*, viz. *King's-Castle* and *Thomond-Bridge*, Pieces formerly of very great Strength and Beauty; but very Antient, after the old way of Fortification, being of the Foundation of *K. John*; but the late King has made some small additional Fortifications, as *Pallisadoes*, *Ravelins*, &c. according to the modern way; this City being all along; ever since *K. James's* first coming to *Ireland*, designed the last place of Refuge for the Rebels to have Retreat to.